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What do I get for Mimi?



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What do I get for Mimi?



Madhav



Mimi



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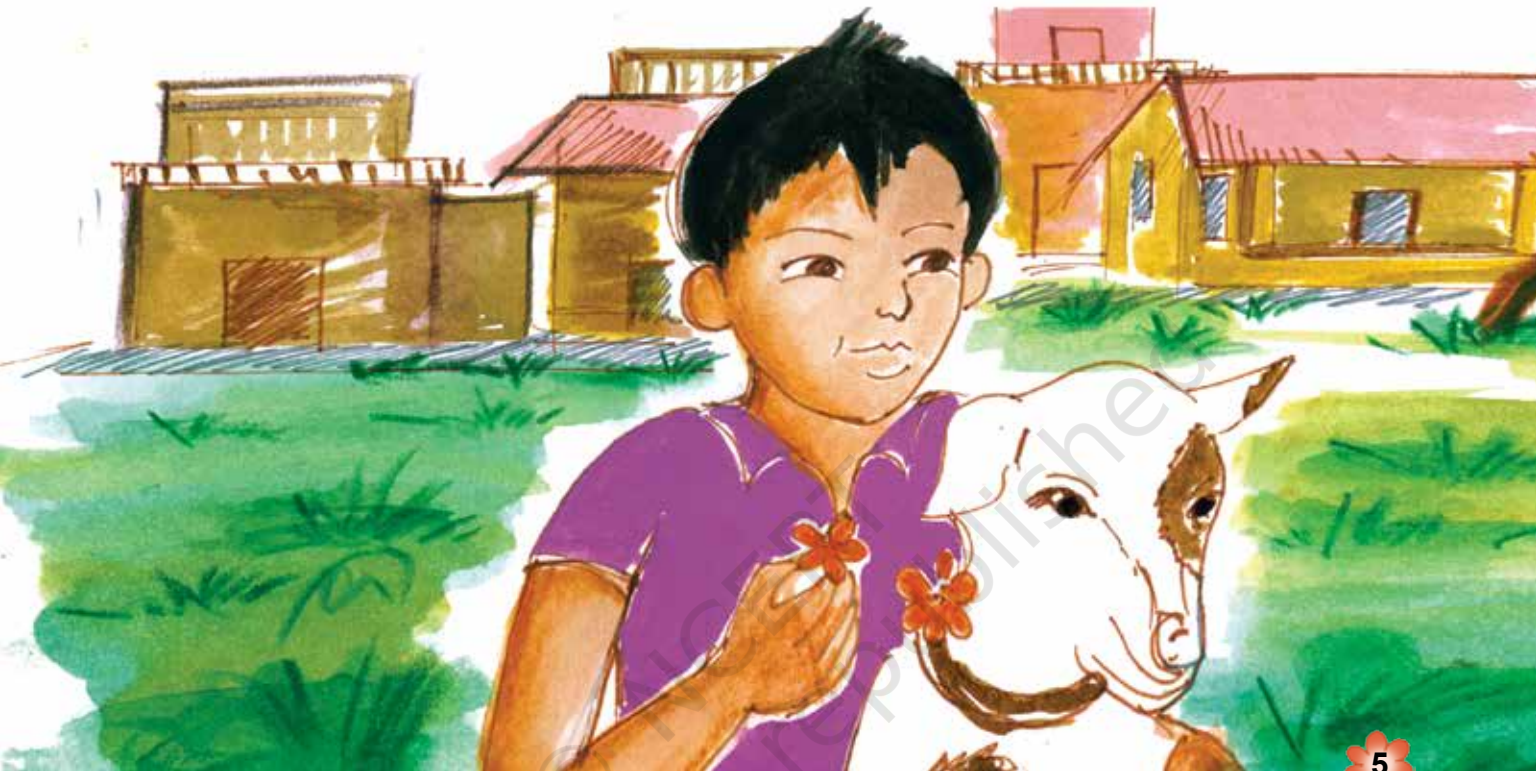
**Madhav had a goat.
She was named Mimi.
Madhav loved Mimi a lot.
Mimi also kept roaming around Madhav.**



**Mimi's colour was white and brown.
Her ears were big.
Mimi's hair shined a lot.
Mimi's eyes were lovely.**



**Mimi was very soft.
Madhav patted her the whole day.
He carried her around in his arms.
Madhav liked the feel of Mimi's soft ears.**



**Mimi was completing one year.
Mimi's birthday arrived.
Madhav wanted to celebrate her birthday.
He wanted to buy a gift for Mimi.**



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Madhav asked his mother for money for Mimi's gift. Mummy gave him twenty rupees. Madhav gave Mimi a bath. He took Mimi and went towards the market.



**Madhav was holding Mimi's rope.
After some time, Madhav let go of the rope.
Mimi immediately started to prance* around.
Madhav loved to watch Mimi prance.**

***prance – jump around**



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The first shop in the market was of a *halwai**. There were lots of sweets in the shop. The *halwai* had lots of laddoos and gulabjamuns. He also had a lot of milk, curds and *sherbet*.

**halwai* — the person who makes sweets



Madhav suddenly saw the sweets lying on the other side. There were rasgullas, jalebi and *peras. Madhav wondered what should he buy for Mimi. How would a plate of jalebis be?**



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The next shop was of clothes.
Many people were buying clothes at the shop.
There were shirts, *kurtas* and pajamas hanging.
Some clothes were kept in glass cupboards.



**Madhav looked at the shirts.
He saw yellow, blue, green and pink shirts.
Madhav wondered what should he get for Mimi.
How would a red dotted shirt be?**



The next shop was of utensils.
There were many utensils in the shop.
There were many utensils of steel.
There were some pots of copper too.



**Madhav started looking at all the utensils.
There were plates, bowls, spoons and glasses.
Madhav wondered what to buy for Mimi.
How would a bowl for milk be?**



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The next shop was of a blacksmith. There were different things at his shop. There were griddle*, ladles, chains and lots of nails. The blacksmith was making something at the hot furnace.

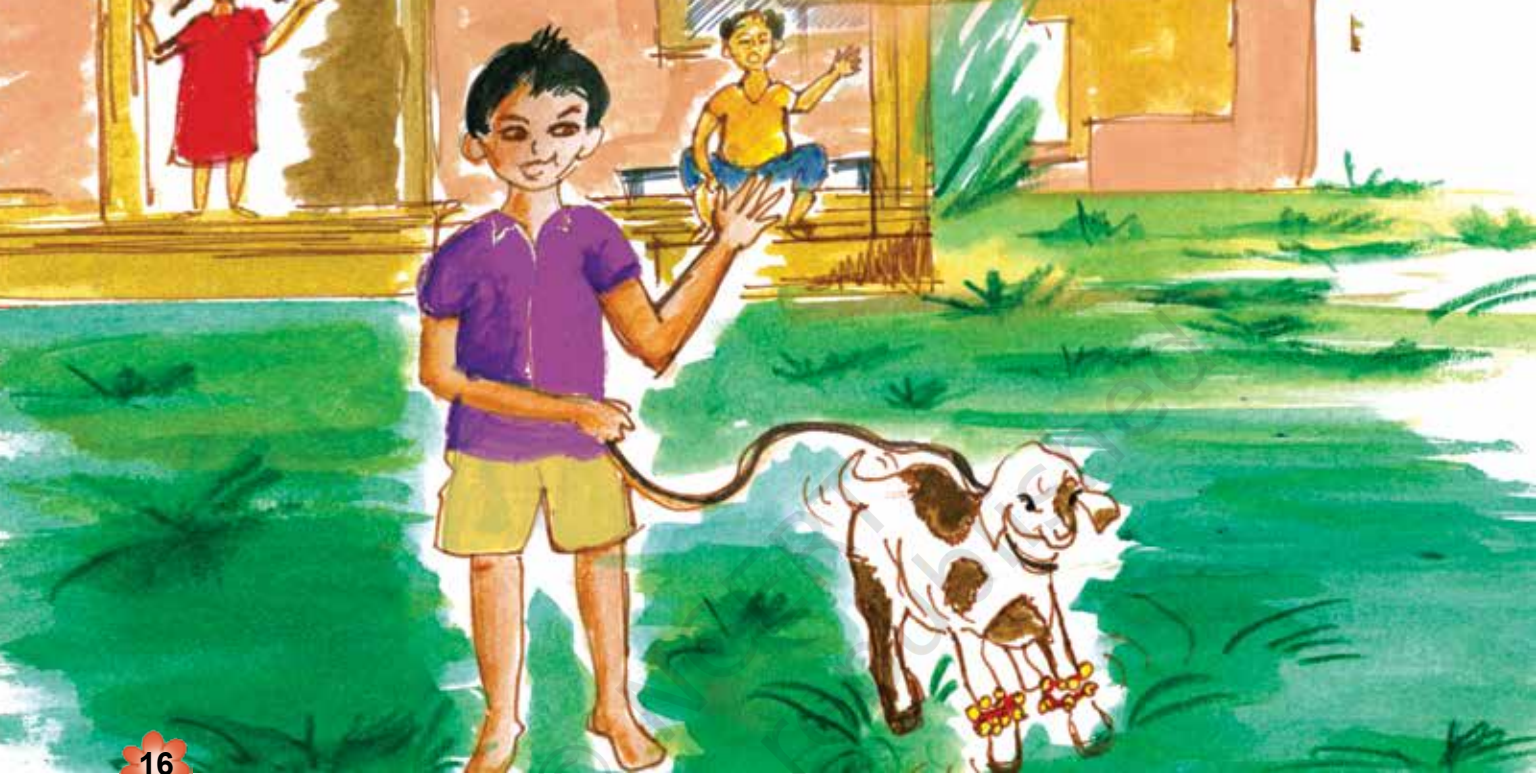
*griddle – tawa



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Madhav looked all around.
Madhav started thinking what to buy for Mimi.
He saw *ghungroos**.
Madhav bought *ghungroos* for Mimi.

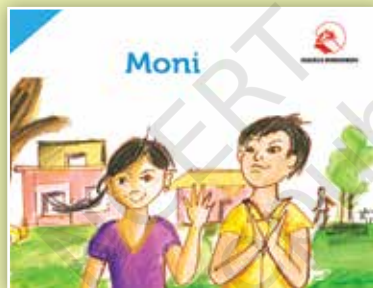
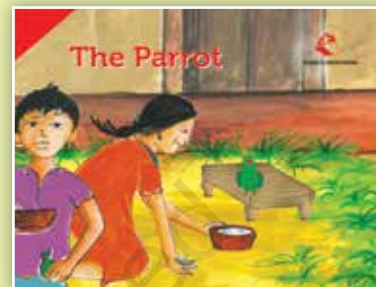
**ghungroos* – anklet bells

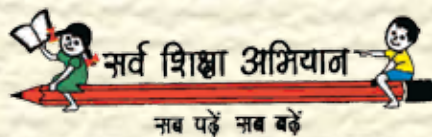


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Madhav tied the *ghungroos* on both legs of Mimi. The *ghungroos* were strung on a pretty red thread. Mimi jumped and pranced and went with Madhav. Everyone listened to the sounds of her *ghungroos*.

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